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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 14, 15, 28, 30, 57, 58 and 78 as follows:

- Sub B1
1. (Amended) A transaction card assembly comprising:  
a transaction card having a long edge and a short edge that is shorter than the long edge,  
the transaction card configured to meet ANSI and ISO specifications for transaction cards; and  
at least one auxiliary member attached in an edge-to-edge fashion at a long edge of the  
transaction card.

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